

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Application for Endangered Species Permit

The following applicants have applied for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*):

PRT-840307

Applicant: James Clinton Nalley, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina.

The applicant requests authorization to take (harass during surveys) the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker, *Picoides borealis*, throughout the species range in Georgetown County, South Carolina, for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species. PRT-840384

Applicant: Brian W. Keeley, Bat Conservation, International, Inc., Austin, Texas.

The applicant requests authorization to take (harass during surveys) the endangered gray bat, *Myotis grisescens*, Indiana bat, *Myotis sodalis*, and Ozark big-eared bat, *Plecotus townsendii* ingens, from throughout the species' ranges in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky, Illinois, Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

Written data or comments on these applications should be submitted to: Regional Permit Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345. All data and comments must be received by April 20, 1998.

Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: David Dell, Permit Biologist). Telephone: 404/679-7313; Fax: 404/679-7081.

Dated: March 16, 1998.

H. Dale Hall,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[HE-952-9911-24 1A; OMB Approval Number 1004-NEW]

Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has submitted the proposed collection of information listed below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). On August 29, 1997, BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 45867) requesting comments on this proposed collection. The comment period ended October 28, 1997. No comments were received from the public in response to this notice. Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms and explanatory material may be obtained by contacting the BLM clearance officer at the telephone number listed below.

OMB is required to respond to this request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. For maximum consideration of your comments, suggestions on the requirement should be made within 30 days directly to the Office of Management and Budget, Interior Department Desk Officer (1004-NEW), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503, telephone (202) 395-7340. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Bureau Clearance Officer (WO-630), 1849 C St., NW., Mail Stop 401 LS, Washington, DC 20240.

Nature of Comments

We specifically request your comments on the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for BLM's proper functioning, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of BLM's estimate of the burden of collecting the information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the burden of collecting the information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: In-Kind Crude Helium Contract.
OMB Approval Number: 1004-NEW.

Abstract: BLM is seeking OMB approval to collect information under a

revised helium distribution contract, called. The Helium Privatization Act of 1996 altered the method by which private firms can acquire Federal helium gas. This required revising the contract. Two reporting formats are attached to the contract. One requests information about deliveries of refined helium to a Federal agency or Federal agency contractor. The other requests information about the sales of refined helium. Deliveries are reported quarterly; sales are reported annually.

Bureau Form Number: Part of contract, 1004-NEW (to be supplied when OMB attaches an approval number.)

Frequency of Collection: Annually for sales, quarterly for deliveries.

Description of Respondents:

Respondents are holders of approved helium distribution contracts. These contracts allow qualified entities to receive Federal crude helium gas according to the amount of refined helium supplied to Federal agencies and their contractors. Estimated completion time: 15 minutes, four times a year, for reporting deliveries; 30 minutes, once a year, for reporting sales; plus record keeping time of 5 minutes four times per year.

Annual Respondents: 14.

Annual Responses: 70.

Annual Burden Hours: 26.8, including record keeping.

Information Collection Clearance Officer: Carole Smith, (202) 452-0367.

Dated: March 5, 1998.

Carole Smith,

BLM Information Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-066-08-1610-00]

Proposed South Coast Resource Management Plan Amendment, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR 1501.7, 43 CFR 1610.2), notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will prepare an environmental assessment and proposed